

Cochise County Local Area Impact Assessment Group
Steering Committee Notes and Recommendations
March 23, 2006 Meeting
(notes provided by Arizona Cooperative Extension)

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Not able to attend: Mike Evans (mevans@co.cochise.az.us)

Structure

After much discussion back and forth, members felt that there needed to be a small (maximum) nine member steering group that could meet as needed to identify how to accomplish tasks and coordinate efforts of the larger local area impact assessment group (LAIAG) and sub-groups. The LAIAG would identify priorities and set direction.

Steering group composition: (terms staggered to start, then all 2 year terms)

2 year terms

- 1 City Government rep.
- 1 Zone 8 NRCD rep.
- 1 Farm Bureau rep.
- 1 Water Provider rep.
- 1 Ft. Huachuca rep. (if decline, it would be an At-Large Rep.)
- 1 County government rep.

1 year term

- 3 At-Large reps.

It is recommended that individuals wanting to serve in these positions would complete a short application of interest to serve. The Board of Supervisors would then review and appoint the nine member steering group. The steering group would select the chair of the group.

After further discussion on the composition of the larger local area impact assessment group it was decided that we want to encourage as much participation as possible from all organizations and individuals, thus all individuals interested in participating in the meetings would have a vote. If at such time this becomes unworkable we could re-visit membership of the LAIAG.

Monitoring Group

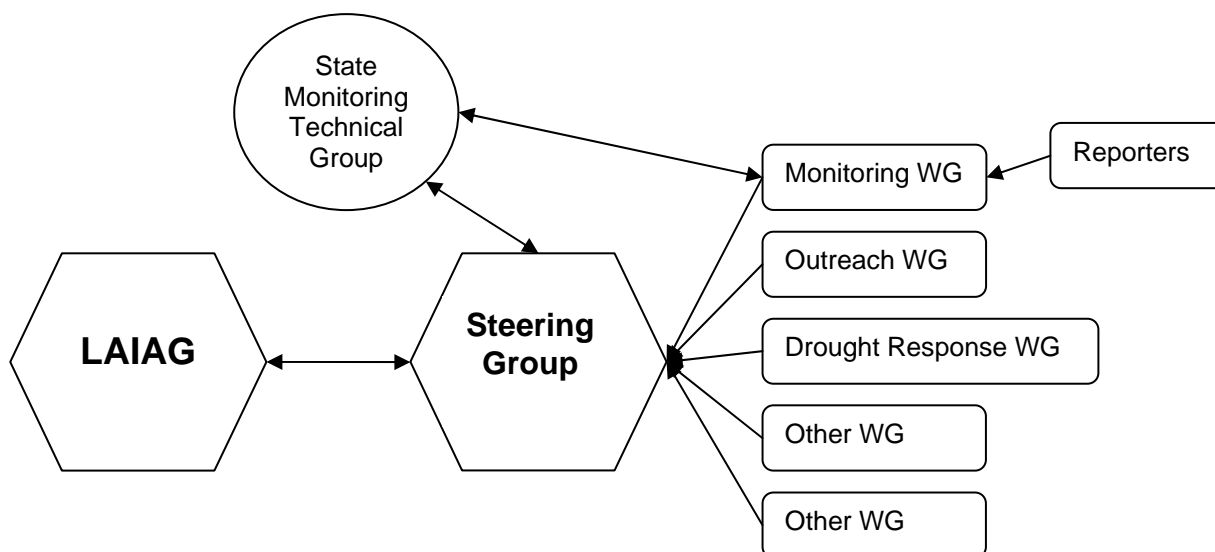
The goal is to have as many "impact reporters" as possible, spread across the county, to send in data. NRCD's have already discussed how they can work with cooperators to collect data and submit through the NRCD's. Alex, Stefanie, Kim and Susan will work with the State Monitoring Technical Committee to develop a reporting form and mechanisms for submission. Data will be submitted to the Monitoring Technical Committee to interpret and summarize for local use. Designate/recruit reporters for each watershed.

Outreach & Education

Deferred to the Steering Group once structure approved.

The next Local Area Impact Assessment Group Meeting will be held April 27th, 1-3 pm at the Valley Telephone Cooperative Conference Room, 752 E Maley St. in Willcox.

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WG = Working Group

Members of the LAIAG will serve on the various workgroups. Work groups would directly report to the Steering Group who will monitor work group progress within the direction of the LAIAG.

Local Area Impact Assessment Group (LAIAG) – All interested persons/organizations.

- Identifies priorities, sets program direction and approves decisions as needed.
- Members of the LAIAG serve on various work groups to accomplish tasks.

Steering Group – Nine member group appointed by the County Board of Supervisors.

- Identifies how to accomplish tasks, makes recommendations to LAIAG and coordinates the details.
- Recruits members to work groups, assures adequate representation from various areas.
- Convenes LAIAG when drought triggers occur and when input/approval is needed.
- Determines frequency of LAIAG meetings.

Working Groups

- Responsible for specific tasks to work on and complete. To be identified as needed

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Cochise County Local Area Impact Assessment Group (LAIAG) Statement of Interest to Serve on the Steering Group Application

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

Group(s) representing: _____

Why are you interested in serving on the LAIAG Steering Group?